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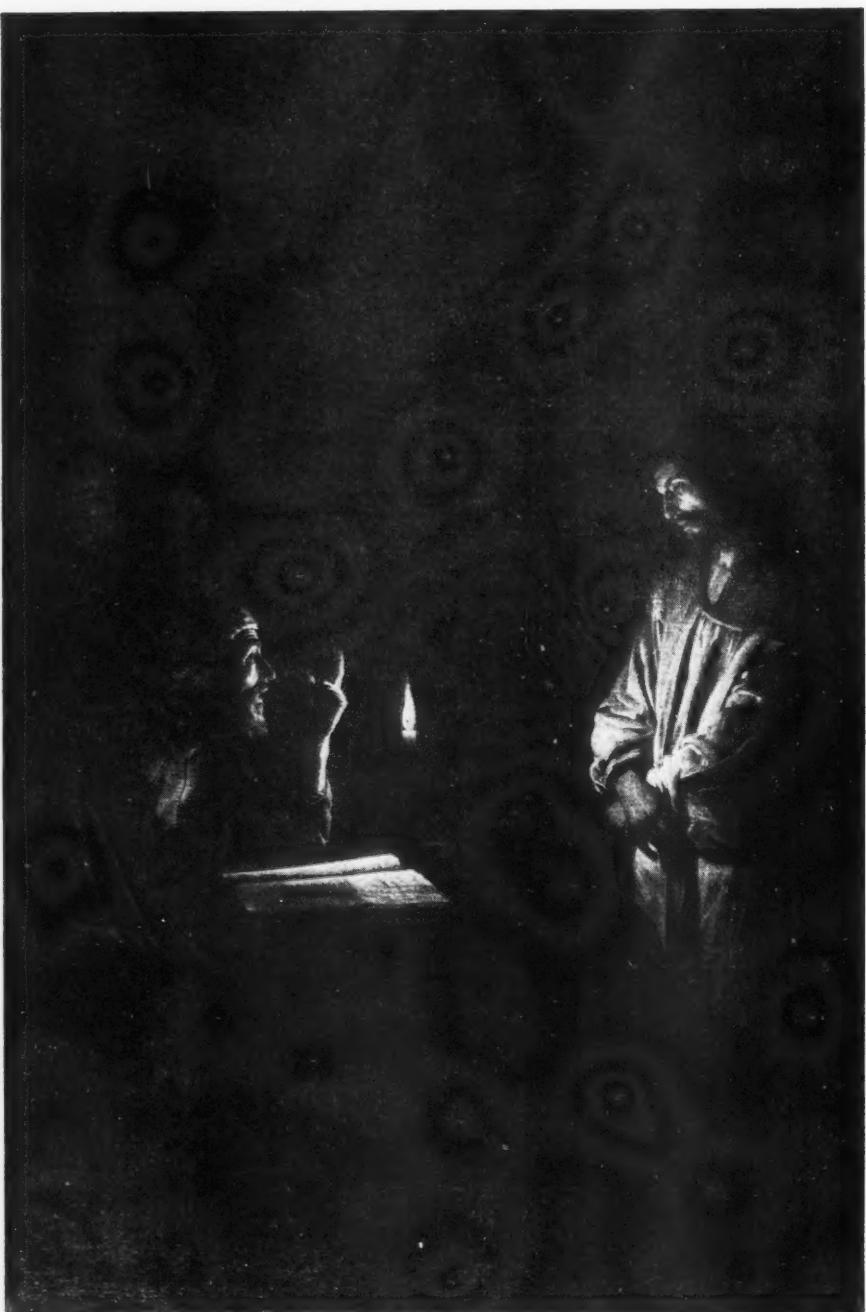
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Winter Passes From the Home Knoll



MARYKNOLL'S YOUNGEST, THE BEDFORD "BAMBINO" IN THE BOSTON ARCHDIOCESE
Transformed farmhouses, barns, and cowsheds are serving their purpose well at the Maryknoll Probatorium in Bedford, Mass., where some thirty novices are laying up spiritual riches to be later lavished in fields afar on souls destitute of Christ

THE winter, soon to pass with a weakened back, was memorable for its early arrival, abundant snows, and free ice. At one period the Hudson was actually frozen over not far above us; while the Knoll provided sledding, skiing, and faces decorated with bruises.

The "Earl" burner, however, kept us fairly comfortable, except in sections of the building where strong west winds hum noisily through unprotected crevices. One day when the thermometer registered well below zero an order was given not to freeze the radiators. Even while the caution was being enjoined, a crack came to justify the speech.

The crack was in a student's room, and the student (from Sunny California no less) had deliberately expressed his preference for under-zero conditions. So there you are!

The General's Itinerary—

OUR Father General (known elsewhere as Bishop, or Ex-

cellency) clung to the home base in January, but made several sorties for occasions in the metropolis. On January tenth, with Monsignor Quinn of the Propagation of the Faith, he addressed representatives from every rectory in the Archdiocese, some four hundred in all, who had been invited to lunch with His Eminence, Cardinal Hayes, the purpose of the gathering being to stimulate mission interest.

Following the successful National Convention of the *Students' Mission Crusade* at Cincinnati last summer, Father Thomas McDon-

nell, the New York Archdiocesan Mission Director, prepared an elaborate Exposition in the Hotel Commodore in which some thirty-two mission organizations participated, using as many booths tastefully arranged to display articles and items of mission interest. The Exposition lasted for a week, and was visited daily by thousands, attracting also many of the hotel guests.

On the Sunday following, Cardinal Hayes presided at a Pontifical Vesper Service, which was attended by a large congregation of mission-minded Catholics. At the service the Maryknoll General was celebrant, and preached.

Father General went to Scranton for the obsequies of Monsignor Paul Kelly, Vicar General of that Diocese. Monsignor Kelly, whose writings *The Romance of a Priest* and *The Romance of a Nun* reveal the depth of his fine spiritual nature, was interested in our Preparatory College at Clarks Summit, where he will be prayerfully remembered.

Before returning Father General visited the College, remaining overnight to greet the faculty and

FOR HOW MANY DAYS?

ONE dollar will keep for a day a Maryknoll missioner—and Christ—in the Orient.

For how many days will you be host to your Lord in the fields afar where He longs to dwell?



THE MARYKNOLL GENERAL'S FIRST PONTIFICAL MASS AT THE HOME KNOLL, CELEBRATED ON THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 1933

The utmost simplicity marked this red-letter day in Maryknoll annals, memorable also for the canonization of Bernadette Soubirous, the "Lily of Mary" to whom the late Father Price, Maryknoll's other Founder, had intense devotion

students and to consecrate fine altars. The *Vénard* altars are in the apse of the main chapel, and are used daily, sometimes for two Masses each. These altars are the gifts of friends; among whom were some who were very close to the late Bishop Hoban, to whose memory the *Vénard* Chapel is dedicated.

After the consecration the Maryknoll "Number One" returned to his desk at the Center. On January twenty-ninth he gave a talk at the Center Club in New York; and then left for the annual visitation of Maryknoll houses in this country, as provided by the Constitutions.

This visitation included the Preparatory Colleges, at Clarks Summit, Pa., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Los Altos, Calif.; the Japanese work in Los Angeles and Seattle; and the Procurers along the line. The itinerary took in Washington, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Denver, the Pacific Coast, and a return by the

northern route. More of this in our next.

The Bedford Bambino—

BEFORE leaving for the West the Father General managed to get to Bedford, Mass., to have a look at the *bambino*. He returned much pleased with the development of the Boston foundation, in which he naturally takes a deep



HAT strings have their uses for the world's burden bearers we of Maryknoll have no wish to deny.

It is a fact, however, that the heavy responsibility resting on those directing this far-flung work for God and souls, that of providing the daily sustenance of 495 missionaries and aspirant apostles, is best lightened by Gifts of the Stringless variety.

personal interest.

Boston is a revered word at Maryknoll, and that for several reasons, not the least of which has been the encouragement, substantial and constant, given by prelates and priests in that Archdiocese, with frequent allotments in generous measure from His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell.

The Boston Maryknoll at Bedford has a homey touch about it, and already many of the priests have dropped in to give it a "looksee".

East Side, West Side—

ONE day, shortly after the new year began, there was a special Departure Ceremony at the Maryknoll Center. It was held in the evening and the solitary "departant" was one of our *Auxiliary Brothers of Saint Michael*, Brother Gregory Brennock.

The guests present were the "departant's" brother, Father Thomas L. Brennock of the New York Archdiocesan Charities, and his mother—also an active charity worker. The Seminary pro-chapel was filled with the priests, students, Brothers, and members of the house. Father General presided, and Father Meyer preached.

The next morning Father Meyer and Brother Gregory both left for China, one to go east by Rome and the Indian Ocean, the other to go west by San Francisco, Honolulu, and Japan. The twain would meet in Hong Kong. It was just a case of "see you later"; and, while for Brother it was a thrilling experience, this good-bye to family, friends, and country, to Father Meyer it was but another of many partings from friends and confrères here and in the field.

And so they go—*Eastward, Westward, all around the Globe*—and it might not be a worthless suggestion should some friend of Alfred Emmanuel Smith induce that gentleman to pass over to Maryknoll all rights on that *East Side, West Side* ditty so often sung in his honor, before it goes out of service.

Father Meyer took his first departure for the missions in 1918. This means that with fifteen years of his life passed in South China he is by this time well seasoned. His work has been strenuous, made so by circumstances and by his characteristic zeal; and early last year nature rebelled.

New surroundings were advised, and he went to St. Paul's Hospital in Manila. Improvement was slight and under orders he continued across the Pacific to California, where Maryknollers made him at home, found the right treatment for him, and set him on his feet—firmly we hope and believe. By the time this issue reaches our readers, the Superior of the Wuchow mission field should be near if not already with his expectant flock. We are thankful for his recovery, and ask a prayer that he may continue strong.

The Ordination of a Maryknoll "Grandson"—

ON last December twenty-third there was ordained to the priesthood in Rome a Maryknoll "grandson", if we may so refer to a promising young Chinese whom sons of Maryknoll have been educating to labor as "another Christ" in the Orient.

Father Marcus Chai comes from Monsignor Ford's Kaying mission field in Kwangtung Province, South China. He belongs to the energetic and intellectual race of Hakka Chinese, and has made an excellent record at the Urban College of Propaganda, Rome's seminary for the missions, where he has been completing his theological studies. We wish this zealous young Chinese apostle many years of faithful service as God's Star in the East, leading to Christ souls still in pagan darkness and the shadow of death.

Maryknoll has had since last fall two other students at the Propaganda College, Louis Kim and Timothy Pak, who were sent to Rome by Monsignor Morris, Prefect Apostolic of the Maryknoll mission field in Korea, "Land of Martyrs".

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interest to every alert American citizen. Published by P. J. Kenedy and Sons, 12 Barclay Street, New York, N. Y. Price \$2.00.

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IN A PREVIOUS ISSUE WE STATED THAT THE ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT CONNECTED WITH THE BLESSING OF MARYKNOLL-IN-BEDFORD BY HIS EMINENCE, CARDINAL O'CONNELL, ON NOVEMBER 26, 1933, WAS A CLOUDY SKY WHICH GAVE NO CO-OPERATION TO OUR CAMERA EXPERTS. THE ABOVE PICTURE OF HIS EMINENCE; THE MARYKNOLL GENERAL; FR. BYRNE, M.M., (ON THE LEFT); AND SOME OF THE NOVICES, IS THE BEST OF MANY UNSATISFACTORY ATTEMPTS.

The Maryknoll Harvest of Souls, 1933



A CLOSE-UP OF THE MARYKNOLL KONGMOON CENTER, THE MISSION COMPOUND IN SOUTH CHINA OF THE SOCIETY'S "CHINESE" BISHOP WALSH, THE MOST REVEREND JAMES EDWARD BY NAME

Across the water, in the foreground, are the Seminary for native students (left), the Pro-Cathedral, the Missioners' Center House, and, at the extreme right, the Novitiate for Chinese Sisters

**VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF
KONGMOON (KWANGTUNG
PROVINCE, SOUTH CHINA)**



Most Rev.
J. E. Walsh

THE Kongmoon sector of Kwangtung Province, South China, was Maryknoll's first mission field in the Orient. Its present Vicar Apostolic, the Most Rev. James Edward Walsh, of

Cumberland, Md., was in 1918 a member of the Society's first mission band. He reviews as follows the history of the past year in the

Kongmoon Vicariate:

We must, of course, admit that the depression at home has not failed to affect our work. A curtailment of effort was inevitable. Yet it is wonderful how Divine Providence evens up things. Although our means were necessarily slight, we enjoyed by way of compensation two great blessings: peace in our districts, and good health for all our missioners. As a consequence we had a good year, generally speaking.

A great advance was the establishment of our first hospital. It is tiny and the work is still very much uphill, but it has made a fine impression and with God's help it will grow.

The Sancian Island Mission has been much improved. Father Cairns was able to repair the Memorial Shrine erected over the spot where St. Francis

Xavier was first buried, and Pilgrimages to the Island are being inaugurated.

A new building was erected by Father Kennelly at Loking, near Loting. This marks that all important mission objective which is the opening of a new territory.

Meanwhile established works prospered. The Seminary graduated its first class of four philosophers. The first group of Chinese postulants, numbering five, had their clothing as novices. The Chinese catechists and teachers worked with zeal.

The Mission is growing in personnel and existing stations are already well manned. We are able to give more serious attention to our hordes of pagans. Our people are well disposed. We ask your prayers for success in the

campaign of conversions.

Another work we feel sure you will not fail to commend to God is our attempt to start a Leper Asylum. To this we do not entirely see our way clear at the moment, but the undeniable need spurs us on. With God's blessing all things are possible.

SPIRITUAL RETURNS—1933

Population

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Catholics | 8,149 |
| Catechumens | 353 |
| Pagans | 6,000,000 |

Personnel

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Maryknoll Priests | 27 |
| Maryknoll Brothers | 3 |
| Maryknoll Sisters | 9 |
| American Doctor | 1 |
| Chinese Sisters | 6 |
| Chinese Seminarians | 68 |
| Chinese Postulants | 24 |
| Chinese Catechists | 90 |
| Chinese Teachers | 44 |

Schools

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Boys' Schools | 11 |
| Girls' School | 1 |
| Mixed Schools | 27 |
| Boy Pupils | 790 |
| Girl Pupils | 242 |

Other Establishments

Seminary (Minor); Novitiate; Training Course for Catechists; 5 Holy Childhood Orphanages; Hospital; 5 Dispensaries; Home for Blind; Old Folks' Home

Administration

| | |
|--|-------|
| Baptisms of Adults | 108 |
| Baptisms of Children of Christians | 167 |
| Baptisms of Children of Pagans | 1,537 |

PREFECTURE APOSTOLIC OF KAYING (KWANTUNG PROVINCE, SOUTH CHINA)



Rt. Rev.
F. X. Ford

ANOTHER Maryknoll pioneer, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Ford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., sends to FIELD AFAR readers from his mission field in the hill country of northeastern

Kwangtung the following "summary of the results during the past year of your sacrifices and

our efforts for the Maryknoll Kaying Mission":

SPIRITUAL RETURNS—1933

Population

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Catholics | 8,454 |
| Catechumens | 544 |
| Pagans | 2,600,000 |

Personnel

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Maryknoll Priests | 21 |
| Maryknoll Brothers | 2 |
| Maryknoll Sisters | 2 |
| Chinese Priests | 4 |
| Chinese Seminarians | 38 |
| Chinese Novices | 13 |
| Chinese Catechists | 47 |
| Chinese Teachers | 44 |



FATHER THOMAS T'AO, THE FIRST NATIVE PRIEST TO BE ORDAINED FOR THE MARYKNOLL WUCHOW FIELD IN KWANGSI PROVINCE, SOUTH CHINA. THIS ZEALOUS APOSTLE WAS TRAINED BY MARYKNOLL'S "ELDER BROTHERS" OF THE PARIS FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

Schools

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| High School Dormitory | 1 |
| Lower Primary Schools | 10 |
| Upper Primary Schools | 5 |
| Boy Pupils | 876 |
| Girl Pupils | 222 |

Other Establishments

Seminary (Minor); Novitiate; Training Course for Catechists

Administration

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Baptisms of Adults | 344 |
| Baptisms of Children | 341 |
| Baptisms in Danger of Death | 139 |

WUCHOW INDEPENDENT MISSION (KWANGSI PROVINCE, SOUTH CHINA)



V. Rev.
Bernard F. Meyer

THE third Maryknoll mission field in South China lies in territory where the work of the Catholic missionary has been especially arduous. Mountainous and poverty-stricken

Kwangsi Province has still today less than eight thousand Catholics. In view of this, the progress accomplished during the last few years in the Maryknoll Wuchow sector of Kwangsi has been particularly gratifying. The Mission has been deprived during the year just past of its Superior, the V. Rev. Bernard F. Meyer, of Davenport, Ia. Father Meyer, another member of the 1918 pioneer Maryknoll mission band, had been for fourteen years such a dynamo of energy and zeal for Christ in South China that his qualifying adjective had become "the tireless". However, the merely human part of this apostle did wear out, and required a time of rest in the homeland. We are happy to say that, as we write, Father Meyer has returned "as good as new" to his Wuchow neophytes. During his absence several events of considerable importance, which we here set down, were recorded in the Kwangsi Maryknoll:

Civil war, which for years overran this part of the Province, seems a thing of the past. In many districts the local officials have become very friendly with the resident priest, asking and giving advice on occasions, all of which works for a better understanding and improves the position of the Church in that locality.

By a decree of January 14, 1933, the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda separated a large section of territory from the Vicariate of Nanning and added it to the Wuchow Mission, thus doubling the size of our Kwangsi field.

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THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH IN MARYKNOLL'S MANCHU MISSION

Monsignor Lane has in his Preparatory Seminary at Fushun, Manchuria, thirty-six bright lads training to become "other Christs" among their own people. See if you can discover in their midst Fr. John Murrett, M.M., of Buffalo, N. Y. (on the right), and Fr. Francis Mullen, M.M., of Pittston, Pa.

The new territory, which includes the City of Kweilin, an Imperial City of

the Ming Dynasty, uses the Mandarin language, whereas the original territory



THE CENTRAL RESIDENCE AT SAIHO SERVES AS A REST AND RETREAT HOUSE FOR MISSIONERS OF THE MARYKNOLL FIELD IN KOREA. ITS KOREAN ROOF AND TOWER ARE EVIDENCES OF THE ADAPTATION OF NATIVE ARCHITECTURE WHICH MARYKNOLL MISSIONERS HAVE FROM THE BEGINNING ENDEAVORED TO CARRY OUT IN CHINA AND KOREA

of the Wuchow Mission uses for the most part the Cantonese dialect. The new territory also includes the Independent Territory of the Yau's, an aboriginal tribe who have never admitted the rule of China over them. Among the Yau people there are 133 baptized Catholics.

As in previous years the increase in the number of baptized Catholics is both satisfying and encouraging. During the year 384 adults and 63 children of Christians were baptized, an increase of 26% in the number of Catholics. The new territory which was added to the Mission brought with it another 464 Catholics, raising the total number to 2,565 against last year's 1,689, an increase of 65%.

In May the first native priest of the Wuchow Mission, Father Thomas Tao, was ordained. Father Tao was trained by the French missionaries, and came to us with the transfer of his native village, which is in the Kweilin sector. At present the Wuchow Mission has thirty-eight Chinese seminarians, and thirteen postulants for a Native Sisterhood; all of which makes the vision of the future exceedingly bright.

SPIRITUAL RETURNS—1933

Population

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Catholics | 2,565 |
| Catechumens | 3,063 |
| Pagans | 5,000,000 |

Personnel

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Maryknoll Priests | 17 |
| Maryknoll Brother | 1 |
| Chinese Priests | 2 |
| Chinese Sisters | 5 |
| Chinese Seminarians | 38 |
| Chinese Postulants | 13 |
| Chinese Catechists | 40 |
| Chinese Teachers | 14 |

Schools

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Primary Schools | 13 |
| Boy Pupils | 199 |
| Girl Pupils | 33 |

Other Establishments

7 Dispensaries; Training Course for Catechists

Administration

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| Baptisms of Adults | 384 |
| Baptisms of Infants..... | 63 |
| Baptisms in Danger of Death. | 28 |

THE ADVENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD UPON EARTH AMONG

**FUSHUN PREFECTURE
APOSTOLIC (MANCHURIA)**



Rt. Rev.
R. A. Lane

THE Prefect Apostolic of our Manchu Maryknoll, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond A. Lane, of Lawrence, Mass., writes that, while the past

year in his field was one of continued unrest, still conditions were more favorable for mission work than in the preceding twelve months. The number of Baptisms were more than doubled. In most of the remote districts it continued to be impossible for the missionaries to make their regular visitations, but communications between the missions and the Fushun Center were maintained though at times in face of danger.

Highly gratifying results were obtained from the Mission's dispensary work. The Fushun Prefecture Apostolic has two dispensaries run by Chinese doctors, and five others conducted by Maryknoll missionaries or Maryknoll Sisters. The dispensary work was greatly aided by a generous donation of supplies from the Catholic Medical Mission Board in New York.

The Manchu Mission has over three thousand catechumens. Though funds were much reduced, owing to the depression, it was not found necessary to close down any essential activity.

Perhaps the most significant development of the year was the opening of the Catechist School, under the direction of the Mission's senior Chinese priest, Fr. Martin Pai. Fr. Pai is assisted by Mr. Ambrose Hsu, a graduate of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and by an experienced catechist.

Monsignor Lane closes his report with an expression of gratitude that Divine Providence made it possible to continue the established works, and a prayer that more favorable and normal times

THE missioner must be willing to go the whole way.

may soon enable his missioners to reap the harvest which is surely ripening for the Church in Manchuria.

SPIRITUAL RETURNS—1933
Population

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Catholics | 4,402 |
| Catechumens | 3,088 |
| Pagans | 2,500,000 |
| Personnel | |
| Maryknoll Priests | 20 |
| Maryknoll Brothers | 2 |
| Maryknoll Sisters | 12 |



THIS SIDE ALTAR OF THE CHURCH AT SIAOLOK IN THE MARYKNOLL KAYING PREFECTURE APOSTOLIC, SOUTH CHINA, IS THE RESULT OF NATIVE TALENT. THE SIMPLE BUT PLEASING DESIGNS, THE GRACEFUL CURVING LINES, AND THE BEAUTIFUL CHARACTERS UNITE IN A HOMAGE TO THE SACRED HEART WHICH APPEALS TO THE CHINESE SOUL.

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| Chinese Priests | 5 |
| Chinese Sisters | 26 |
| Chinese Seminarians | 36 |
| Chinese Postulants | 27 |
| Chinese Catechists | 45 |
| Chinese Teachers | 24 |

Schools

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|----------------------|-----|
| Boys' Schools | 15 |
| Girls' Schools | 11 |
| Boy Pupils | 385 |
| Girl Pupils | 240 |

Other Establishments
Training Course for Catechists;

7 Dispensaries; 5 Orphanages; Seminary (Minor); Novitiate; 2 Old Folks' Homes

Administration

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|--|-----|
| Baptisms of Adults | 378 |
| Baptisms of Children of Christians | 225 |
| Baptisms of Children of Pagans | 442 |

THE PREFECTURE APOSTOLIC OF PENG YANG (KOREA)



Rt. Rev.
J. E. Morris

THE saying, *The blood of Martyrs is the seed of Christians* continues to verify itself in blessed wise in the Society's Korean mission field.

The year's harvest of Baptisms amounted to over two thousand souls. The Faith is constantly advancing in the peninsula, and Monsignor John E. Morris, of Fall River, Mass., shepherd of souls in this privileged sector of the mission world, voices only one plaint, that of the First Missioner: *The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few.* (Matthew 9:37.)

SPIRITUAL RETURNS—1933
Population

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Catholics | 11,049 |
| Catechumens | 2,381 |
| Pagans | 2,741,814 |

Personnel

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|--------------------------|----|
| Maryknoll Priests | 22 |
| Maryknoll Brothers | 2 |
| Maryknoll Sisters | 15 |
| Korean Priests | 4 |
| Korean Sisters | 7 |
| Korean Seminarians | 28 |
| Korean Postulants | 10 |
| Korean Catechists | 55 |
| Korean Teachers | 81 |

Schools

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Industrial School | 1 |
| Elementary Schools | 7 |
| Boy Pupils | 1,275 |
| Girl Pupils | 922 |

Other Establishments

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| Novitiate; 7 dispensaries; Old Folks' Home | |
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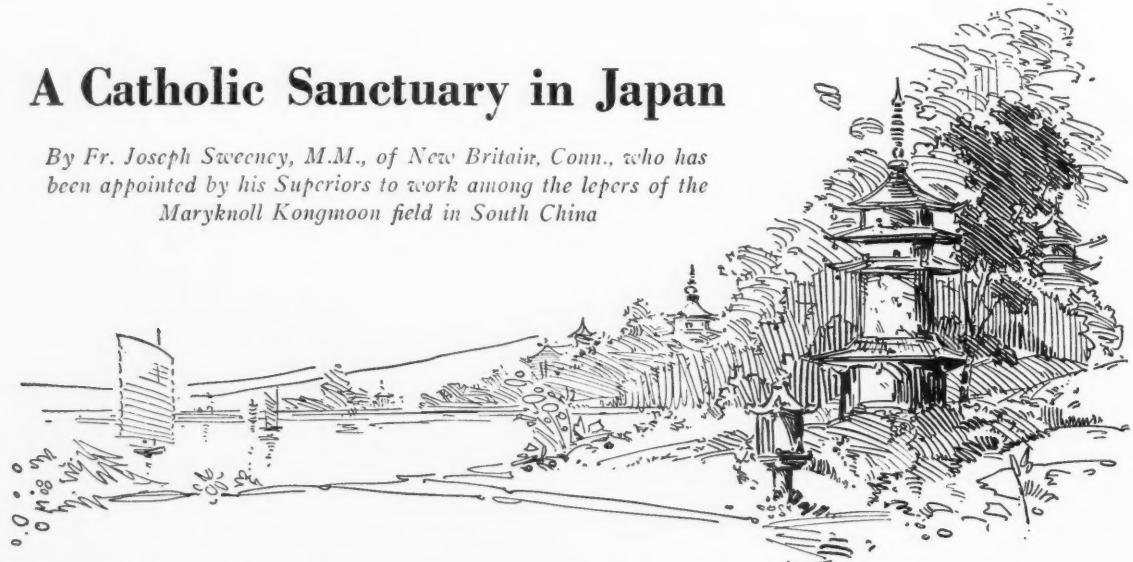
Administration

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Baptisms of Adults | 980 |
| Baptisms of Children | 565 |
| Baptisms in Danger of Death | 544 |

ALL PEOPLES — BEHOLD THE MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

A Catholic Sanctuary in Japan

By Fr. Joseph Sweeney, M.M., of New Britain, Conn., who has been appointed by his Superiors to work among the lepers of the Maryknoll Kongmoon field in South China



THE Catholic Leper Asylum at Koyama, Japan, may be conveniently visited by anyone entering that country at the port of Yokohama. On our way from the Hawaiian Lepor Settlements to South China, where Bishop Walsh of Kongmoon has appointed us to work among the lepers of his Mission, a visit to Koyama was of special interest.

Boarding the Kobe train from Tokyo we ran for two or three hours through a mountainous farming country, where high peaks showing their strong ribs and shoulders under thin gowns of grass and bush sit like great bronze buddhas pondering over hills and valleys densely exuberant with life. Here below we flashed through jungles of men, houses, trees, and rice fields—all in superabundance, as if compressed into an overcrowded garden.

Under the Shadow of Mt. Fuji—

After alighting at the little station of Gotemba under the shadow of Mount Fuji, we found a tired and broken-down taxi which went coughing and rattling in every joint through the narrow roads of a market place, set on either side with stores and booths having the color and substance of stage scenery.

Then this modern intruder from Detroit squeezed noisily into a lane made for pedestrians and rickshas, and sputtered out through the fields whose ripe harvests bulged into our path. It brushed off the road push-carts, bicycles, school children, and farmers bearing burdens. "Arigato," "Thank you," yelled our driver to everyone who gave him way. Had some sturdy lover of quiet, old Japan not given way, "*Requiescat in pace*" would have been the only cry to his remains from our Juggernaut.

A half hour of this desecration and we ran through the gate of the leper colony, chugged down an avenue of tall pines, turned into a grove and halted to a stop before the Administration Building, around which stood bamboo, pine and palm trees, blossoming shrubs and flower beds sunny in the clearings. One glance at this picturesque setting, and we knew that the asylum and lepers were in good order.

Father Iwashita, the superintendent, was away at a conference, but the stranger was made welcome with bows and smiles. Soon the head nurse came, speaking excellent English and French, exquisite in her ways, and seemingly out-of-place in a home where gruesome disease was rife. She and an elderly caretaker were ready to conduct us through the asylum.

The Field Afar for life, \$50.

The Head Nurse—

First we were given sterilized gown, cap, and mask. The gown (Japanese size) hardly reached to the knees, and only by parting in the back could it have buttoned in the front. Off it came, and off came also the cap and mask, when the visitor saw that he alone was protected. As we strolled down an arbor leading from the office to the center of the colony the beauty of the locality was striking. Here was Japan's Olympus, Mount Fuji, the perfect cone, brooding over the valley on one side and the Hakone Mountains green and gold with copious vegetation on the other. Leading off to the heights from the flower gardens around us were rich acres of grain and dense groves of trees. On the Fuji side a big creek coming out of a forest to sunlit fields rumbled musically over a rocky bed under two bridges and back to woodland shadows again.

I was awakened from this enchantment by the nurse who, with hand on a door, hesitated and asked, "Are you afraid?" "No, indeed," I said with surprise. Here was a gentle little lady concerned about the harrowing effect of her daily and lowly associates on two hundred-odd pounds of missionary bone and beef.

So she opened the door and we found ourselves in a ward of bedridden men,

PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST,

whose twenty mutilated heads and pairs of hands protruded from the covers. Here were faces covered with ulcerations, eyes and noses decayed away and the work of the grave in plain sight. One man had been an inmate for forty years. At the sound of her voice they stirred like dead coming to life. Paralyzed facial muscles could not smile and throats with leprous tissue could only wheeze, but there was certainly something in the way of a welcome and an unmistakable rustle of happiness throughout that ward when the little nurse spoke. I noted the same reaction in all the other wards and among the patients outside. This lady in her plain black cotton dress, a mere wisp of Japanese gentility, of high birth and education, was such a one as you might expect to meet presiding at the elaborate tea ceremony or to find in a flower garden with a ring of little children all decked in the silks of the country. In place of which she was mother to all these wrecks and relics of humans, especially to the more loathsome ones.

As I followed the slight, valiant little figure about I seemed to see, reborn in pagan Japan, that Queen of Hungary of the Ages of Faith who dressed the sores of lepers on the streets. Here, in the shadow of Shinto Fuji, was a sanctuary of Catholicism where you might feel as much at home as in Rome, Brittany, or Ireland. I have seen the like in other strange places. Once when a fellow-missioner and I were visiting an orphanage of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary far back in South China, the Mother Superior (a countess and first cousin to a Queen) led us from the other wards to one for cripples and incurables where we met the weirdest little Chinese derelicts ever grouped together. One child, wrinkled and distorted like a hag from witch tales, hobbled over to take the Mother's hand, and all who could wriggle around approached and clung to her gown, and the wan little countenances in the cribs beamed happily, while she cooed over all of them like a good mother at the cradle of her first-born. No medical or social science, no human philosophy can teach you to handle patients that way. The success of the Missions depends on such.

Miss Hori, the head nurse, soon urged us out of that ward of advanced cases.

She herself spends long hours there in drudgery for the helpless, but a few minutes might depress the visitor too much.

Where Outcasts Find a Haven—

Leading off was a porch-corridor running all along the men's wards. At several we knocked and pushed aside the sliding doors, looking into Japanese rooms where the thick mat is both floor and bed. All were spotlessly clean and very orderly for men's quarters. The first ones were partly occupied by pa-

Going down the women's wards we passed the kitchen, laundry, and sewing rooms where all were busily engaged in cooking, washing, sewing, and making bandages. Everyone stopped a moment and bowed a welcome. Leprosy here caused no evident sadness, discontent, or carelessness. Shunned by the world these outcasts had a haven where self-respect and the amenities of social life were reinspired. All these wards and departments were in perfect and sanitary arrangement, while the home-like



HERE, BROODING OVER THE VALLEY, WAS JAPAN'S OLYMPUS, MOUNT FUJI, THE PERFECT CONE

tients feeling their leprosy, and for the time too sick to be outdoors. They were comfortably housed, four to a large room, one in each corner. All tried to rise and to offer a cheerful greeting, and the politeness of the poor fellows was remarkable. We looked into other rooms, neat and cosy, whose occupants were out at work in the fields, barns, or the mill.

The asylum is built in a hollow square—one wing for the men, a parallel wing for the women and a connecting wing for the store, dispensary, pharmacy, and surgery. Jutting from this cross-wing into the flower gardens between the men's and women's wards is the Chapel. Several were kneeling or squatting on the mat floor at their devotions, for all here are Catholics, excepting a rare few who are preparing for Baptism.

appearance of the place suffered no blight from institutional efficiency.

Gifts From the Empress Dowager—

Going out to the gardens again, we visited the mill where lepers were grinding grain; then the tree nurseries where a bed of tiny maples was especially well tended; for these were a recent gift from the Empress Dowager who sent them with a request that later under their tall branches her lepers pray for her. We passed by vegetable and rice fields where patients labored in the sun, and then on to the cemetery where lay at rest the French Missioners who had founded and directed the asylum until recently, when the Japanese priest took charge.

Other roads and paths bordered by flowers, shade trees, and harvest fields led back again towards the barns. At

THAT HE SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.



FR. SWEENEY (ON THE LEFT) HAS BEGUN HIS WORK FOR THE LEPERS OF THE MARYKNOLL KONGMOON FIELD BY SHELTERING IN A CLUSTER OF SHACKS A SCORE OF THESE OUTCASTS. HE WROTE THAT HE EXPECTED THE NUMBER WOULD HAVE INCREASED TO FIFTY BY THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, AND THAT ONLY THE LACK OF FUNDS PREVENTED HIM FROM HARBORING HUNDREDS. FOR THE SUPPORT OF THESE LEOPERS ABOUT THREE DOLLARS A MONTH IS NEEDED. DR. HARRY BLABER, OF BROOKLYN, N. Y. (RIGHT), WHO IS WORKING WITH THE MARYKNOLL MISSIONERS IN SOUTH CHINA, DIRECTS THE MEDICAL CARE OF THE LEOPERS, AND A MARYKNOLL BROTHER (CENTER), ASSISTS FR. SWEENEY, THE SOCIETY'S PIONEER APOSTLE TO THE LEOPERS.

the main crossroad where flowers and shrubs grew in most profusion was a life-sized statue of the Blessed Mother, and at another main corner stood a large one of the Little Flower. We passed a poultry yard where strutted a flock of very high-class white chickens, a gift from the Empress Dowager who has often favored this asylum. Far down the line we met the ordinary hens and roosters and entered the pens for the pigs. Passing the barns and four big plow horses, where men doffed their caps and saluted pleasantly, we approached a shed from which came a chorus of lusty voices. From the doorway we saw six men sitting and cutting wood with two-handled saws, sway-

ing back and forth as they cut and singing in rhythm. When the nurse greeted them they fumbled up, and stood smiling with hats in hand. They were all blind men. Another group of blind in a nearby shed were making rope, brooms, and sandals from straw.

The Family Spirit—

Even the blind are kept at work for small wages, and their thoughts diverted from sad ways. These lepers produce nearly all that is needed for their food. The industry and cooperation of one hundred and ten patients in this big household not only solves financial difficulties, but engenders a family spirit that is beautiful.

Much credit for this is due to the old missionaries who labored here and are now sleeping under the sod. And much is due to the present director, Father Iwashita. Scion of a wealthy and prominent family, a scholar of European universities, and at home in five languages of Europe, he left a professorship for labor among the lepers. Still a young man he interests his patients in amateur dramatics, in baseball which he plays well with them, and in other amusements. He is also pastor of the flock in a nearby village, for whom his family has built a beautiful church just on the borders of the leper precincts. Beside the church is Father Iwashita's new orphanage for non-leprosy children

of leper parents.

After inspecting every part of the settlement I learned that it was taken for granted that any priest visitor coming should make himself at home in Fr. Iwashita's quarters. I strolled around the paths trying to read my breviary, but the evening shadows on Fuji and Hakone were beautifully distracting. *Angelus* bells came tolling at the last rays of the sun, and night settled down over that oasis of Christendom bringing God's peace and security.

After dinner and another two hours of study of the methods used in this model colony, we bade farewell to the staff and headed in a Ford for a station twenty-five miles away where the Kobe Express would stop. There was a charm about the quiet, winding country lanes at night. Our headlights looked now into green rice fields, now among clusters of frail houses where some paper

doors and windows suffused a gentle light in the sleeping villages.

A Government Asylum—

The next day at Osaka we went to see a government asylum set behind dykes on flat lands near the sea. Six hundred patients were crowded in barracks, about thirty to a ward. The place was dismal and bare by comparison, and the patients had no wide fields or groves, and little or no work to do. We arrived just when three Buddhist bonzes before a congregation of two hundred massed in a barn-like auditorium or temple were conducting a ceremony for the dead, with bell, book, and candle-light. The staff was very hospitable, and the doctors whom we met were evidently devoted to their work. But what a sad contrast! Here, instead of a home, was an institution, hard, formal, pagan. Only the Church, it seems, can prop-

erly handle lepers.

The Maryknoll Project—

We have scant means for our new work among the Chinese lepers. We are starting with twenty and have not funds to care for more than fifty, although only three dollars a month is required for all the needs of a patient. Hundreds of lepers are waiting for any help we can give them, and enough Maryknoll priests, Brothers, and Sisters have volunteered to care for a thousand right now.

Brother A., Doctor Blaber, and the writer are a large enough staff to attend to the fifty favored patients to whom our finances are limited; but we look forward hopefully to the day when many friends from the United States will send gifts to cover the needs of a great number, to the day when we shall have our own Koyama. The personnel for ten Koyamas is ready.



IT DID NOT TAKE LONG FOR THE SCHOOLCHILDREN OF THE MARYKNOLL MISSION FOR JAPANESE IN SEATTLE, WASH., TO DISCOVER IN THE MOST REV. GERALD SHAUGHNESSY, D.D., THE NEW BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, A FATHER AND A FRIEND. THEY WERE AT HOME WITH HIM ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE MISSION, WHEN THEY ENTERTAINED HIS EXCELLENCY IN THE PRESENCE OF THEIR PARENTS AND OTHER VISITORS

OF HIS NEIGHBOR (JEREM. 9, 4).

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**TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD**



WE find ourselves well into Lent, and the question persists: *In what way am I proving my love for the Crucified?*

It may not be wise for us to fast, but some sacrifice is expected of every practicing Catholic. This may be our last opportunity of sharing here on earth the redeeming Passion of the Savior. Suppose we do something worth while for God—and for souls!

**Despised and the most abject
of men, a Man of Sorrows, and
acquainted with infirmity.**

THE first missioner to bring Jesus and His Blessed Mother to heathen people was St. Joseph. This will explain the special devotion which missioners generally have for the silent saint, as guardian and provider. "Go to Joseph".



THIS is Annunciation month—when the Church recalls the invitation extended by God Himself to the Virgin Mary to share in His plan for the redemption of mankind.

With the awakening of student mission interest from coast to coast we have reason to look for promising vocations among the young people of our country; and we hope that some from our best will hear the Master's summons to cooperate with Him in the salvation of souls. May their response be generously expressed in the fiat of Mary, *Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*

Surely He hath borne our infirmities, and carried our sorrows.

OUR cover this month is the work of the talented Chinese convert, Mr. Luke Ch'en, Professor of Fine Arts at the Catholic University of Peking, reproductions of whose paintings have appeared a number of times in these pages.

It will be recalled that Mr. Ch'en was drawn to the Faith while rendering in the Chinese style religious subjects for Archbishop Celso Costantini, until recently Apostolic Delegate to China. Mr. Ch'en's paintings have attracted widespread attention not only in the Orient, but also in Europe.



MARCH fourth to March twelfth. These are the dates for the widely known *Novena of Grace*. This Novena to Saint Francis Xavier is carried out in all Maryknoll missions, including Sancian Island where Saint Francis Xavier died.

Again we cordially invite our friends to add their needs, spiritual and temporal, to ours, ask-

THE ANNUITY PLAN

THE missioner builds for eternity. Do you?

The Maryknoll Annuity Plan provides you with income for time and eternity. Inquire.

ing only that a prayer for fine vocations to the foreign missions be included in their devotions. FIELD AFAR readers who sent in their requests last year have reported many and striking favors.

We have thought Him as it were a leper, and as one struck by God and afflicted.

A PRELATE who will go down in the history of missions as one whose arrival in China marked a new era for the Church in that country is the Most Rev. Celso Costantini. We have often mentioned His Excellency in THE FIELD AFAR, but few among our readers will ever appreciate what this great prelate has accomplished. Following the instruction and encouraged by the strong paternal interest of the Vicar of Christ, Pope Pius XI, Archbishop Costantini went to China as Apostolic Delegate in 1922. Two years later he organized and presided over the first National Council, held at Shanghai.

Meanwhile he was impressing upon all with whom he came in contact his own desire and that of the Church, not to destroy but to perfect what was good in the Chinese character and in Chinese accomplishment. His residence in Peking was Oriental, he surrounded himself with native priests. He took measures to provide for the adequate education of Chinese youths preparing for the priesthood, and to this end he organized a system of fourteen Regional Seminaries. He looked among the native priests for *episcopabiles*, and gradually he found them. The first six he accompanied to Rome, assisting at their consecration in St. Peter's by the Holy Father himself. Others were later consecrated in their homeland; but last June, two weeks before our Father General's consecration (at which Archbishop Costantini assisted), he again appeared in St. Peter's when five Orientals, including three from China, received the episcopate from Pope Pius XI.

BY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW THAT YOU ARE

Some seventeen ecclesiastical divisions are now directed by Chinese Superiors, Prefects Apostolic and Vicars Apostolic. When Archbishop Costantini began his work in China there were 58 divisions, as contrasted with 118 today; and, notwithstanding the trying conditions of the past decade, wars, floods, banditry, and almost universal restlessness, the number of Catholics has risen by half a million, standing today at 2,562,742.

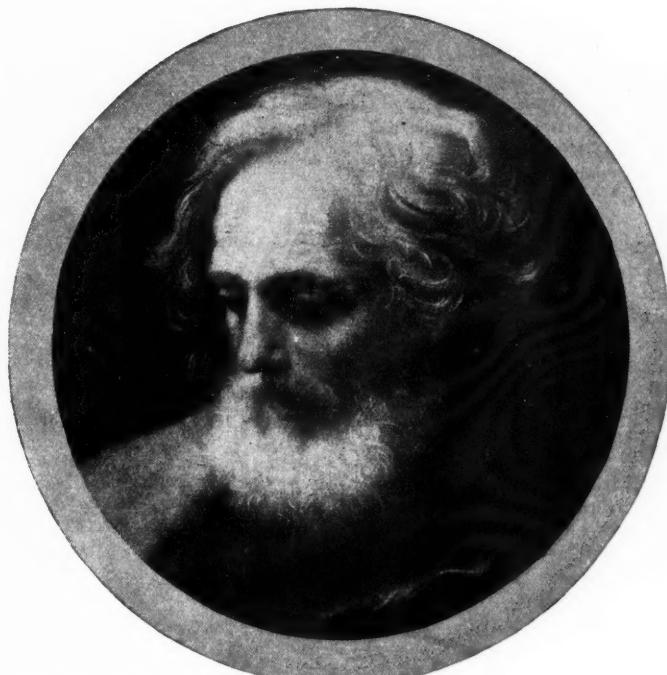
But He was wounded for our iniquities; He was bruised for our sins.

IN His Excellency, Archbishop Zanin, Apostolic Delegate to China as successor of Archbishop Costantini, the Holy Father has made a choice that pleases all and gives bright promise of most valued service. Archbishop Zanin has been directing the *Opus Sancti Petri*, a work for the preparation of native priests. His mind and heart have been in the missions, and his intimate knowledge of conditions in China will enable him with hardly conscious effort to step into the important place to which he has been assigned. May God keep him strong for the great work that lies before him!

For us of Maryknoll it is a pleasure to recall that the new Apostolic Delegate to China knows our work, and was an honored guest at the consecration of our Superior General.

The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and by his bruises we are healed.

THIS issue of THE FIELD AFAR contains a brief report of Maryknoll activities in its several fields. This report is not comprehensive nor overhindered with statistics, but it will give some idea of the work which our missionaries are doing and an appreciation of the fruits actually reaped, or anticipated.



BLESSED JOSEPH, GUIDE OUR MISSIONERS IN HEATHEN LANDS AS THOU DIDST GUIDE INTO EGYPT MARY AND HER DIVINE SON. HELP THEM TO SUSTAIN WITH PATIENCE TRIALS OF SOUL AND WEARINESS OF BODY. SECURE FOR THEM ABUNDANT GRACE, AND WHATEVER MATERIAL AID THEY MAY NEED TO SET UP TABERNACLES FOR JESUS AMONG THOSE WHO KNOW HIM NOT

We hope, and we believe, that it will edify, and will encourage our friends to say an occasional prayer for these American apostles, still young all of them, who are blazing the trail for generations to come.



A BROADCAST from His Eminence, Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, went to missionaries the world over at the beginning of this

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year. The message was one of sympathy and encouragement, and it heartened hundreds of faithful workers in the field. Recognizing that the year was one of bitter hardship due to lessened material help, His Eminence reminded the missionaries to reflect that nothing was lost, because all was in conformity with God's plan.

His Eminence added that the depression experience should bring special consolation to those laboring in spiritual values. By contrast with the many powerful and rich whose life struggle has been for material things and who now find themselves empty handed, the missionary though he finds his projects delayed may always console himself with the reflection that God is the Master, and that what He ordains, regardless of apparent failure, will lead to success.

MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE ONE FOR ANOTHER.

Maryknolls on Three Continents

MARYKNOLL, The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, founded in 1911, is now in its twenty-fourth year. In the less than a quarter of a century of its existence its sons have extended their labors for God and souls over three continents and the islands of the Pacific, while the *Maryknoll Sisters (The Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic)* have also journeyed to far countries in the following of their mission vocation.

The earth-ball begins to look smaller as the years of Maryknoll multiply. Recently one of ours, who has something of a passion for exact data, opened a geography and began to do some figuring (which is not a lost art here).

The result is found below, and friends of our outgoing missionaries will be especially interested to see how much space and how many days the separation will mark. The figures are, approximately:

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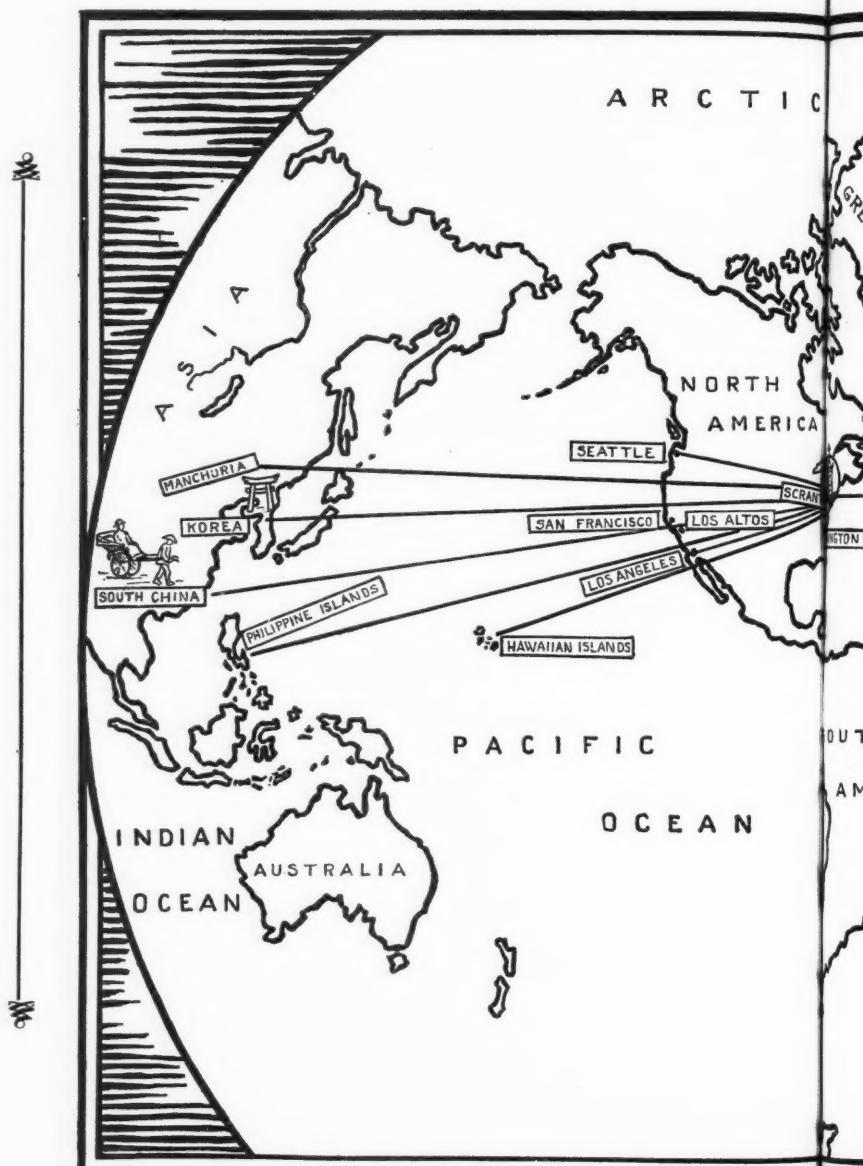
| to | Miles | Days |
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| Rome | 3,700 | 9 to 12 |
| Yokohama | 9,010 | 15 to 23 |
| Korea | 10,160 | 18 to 26 |
| Manchuria | 10,481 | 20 to 28 |
| Hong Kong | 11,010 | 25 to 32 |
| Manila | 11,650 | 27 to 34 |
| Hawaiian Islands | 5,570 | 10 to 12 |

Maryknollers going to Honolulu (Hawaiian Islands) sail from San Francisco. Those who are bound for Asia go from San Francisco, Seattle, or Vancouver. All steamers for Eastern Asia stop at Yokohama, Japan, and at Shanghai, China.

Manila (Philippine Islands) is two days by steamer from Hong Kong.

Outstanding Events in 1933—

The past year has been a memorable one in the history of our young Society for several reasons, but chiefly, of course, because of the Consecration as a Titular Bishop of Maryknoll's Superior General and Co-Founder, the Very Reverend James Anthony Walsh, D. D. The Consecration took place in the Chapel of Propaganda College at Rome, on June 29, 1933, the twenty-second anniversary of Maryknoll's founding. His Emi-



Since the above Map was drawn three more Foundations have been made in the Far East. The latest is the Probatorium (Novitiate) at Bedford, Massachusetts, which will be completed in the Pacific, the first Maryknoll Novitiate in the Americas.

nence Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, was the consecrating prelate, and he was assisted by Archbishop McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, and by the

late Most Rev. John J. Dunn, Auxiliary Bishop of New York.

In August the Society sent its pioneer mission band to Japan, where the three young Maryknollers are engaged in language study

Land and in the Islands of the Pacific



ounds have served to lengthen the far-flung Maryknoll Missions: Preparatory College at Cincinnati, O.; and, across first Knoll House in Japan

in preparation for their apostolate among the people of the Island Empire. This entrance of Maryknoll into Japan proper follows a decade of work among emigrants of the Land of the Rising Sun,

first on our own Pacific Coast, and later on the mission fields of Korea and Manchuria.

November 7, 1933, marked the opening of the new Maryknoll-in-Boston, the Probatorium for the

Society's Novices, at Bedford, Mass. On November 26, His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell, blessed the new foundation in a private ceremony and warmly welcomed Maryknoll to the archdiocese where its Superior General and Co-Founder was born and passed the years of his early priesthood.

At the Home Knoll—

Statistics at the *Maryknoll Center, Ossining, N. Y.*, were as follows at the opening of the scholastic year in September, 1933:

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| Priests | 17 |
| Brothers | 27 |
| Students | 110 |

These figures do not include the personnel of the *Probctorium at Bedford, Mass.*, which is:

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| Priests | 3 |
| Brothers | 5 |
| Students | 25 |

The beginning of the scholastic year was marked by the entrance of an unusually large number of students (thirty-six) into the First Philosophy Class.

On September 24, 1933, the Superior General of Maryknoll ordained three priests, sixteen deacons, two sub-deacons, and gave tonsure to eighteen. The three new Maryknoll priests left shortly afterwards for the Society's House in Rome, where they will continue their studies.

The Preparatory Colleges—

The number of students in the Preparatory Colleges is smaller this year than in the year preceding. This is due to the fact that it has been decided not to accept boys in the Maryknoll Preparatory Colleges until they have had two years of high school.

The present statistics of the *Maryknoll Preparatory Colleges* are as follows:

At Clarks Summit, Pa.

| | |
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| Priests | 10 |
| Brothers | 7 |
| Students | 60 |

At Cincinnati, Ohio

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| Priests | 2 |
| Brother | 1 |
| Students | 12 |

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At Los Altos, Calif.

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| Priests | 3 |
| Brothers | 3 |
| Students | 45 |

Missions for Japanese in the United States—

The Maryknoll Missions for Japanese at Los Angeles, Calif., and Seattle, Wash., continue to give very gratifying results and have interested Japanese officials in the Island Empire, Manchuria, and Korea, where Maryknollers are laboring overseas.

The progress of the Maryknoll Schools for Japanese on the Pacific Coast has been especially noteworthy, and the children have been the means of leading a number of adults to the Faith.

The figures for the *Maryknoll Japanese Missions in the United States* are:

Los Angeles Japanese Mission

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| Priest | 1 |
| Brothers | 3 |
| Schoolchildren | 350 |

Seattle Japanese Mission

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|----------------------|-----|
| Priests | 2 |
| Brothers | 2 |
| Schoolchildren | 137 |

Other Maryknolls—

Other Maryknolls include our *Procures* (propaganda and business centers); the old *San Juan Bautista Mission* in California, now entrusted to the care of Maryknoll; the Society's *House of Studies in Rome*; and Maryknoll work in the Hawaiian and *Philippine Islands*.

The personnel of these far-flung Maryknolls is as follows:

San Francisco Procure, Calif.

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| Priest | 1 |
| Brothers | 2 |

Los Angeles Procure, Calif.

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| Priests | 2 |
| Brothers | 2 |

San Juan Bautista Mission, Calif.

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| Priests | 2 |
| Brother | 1 |

Rome

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| Priests | 7 |
| Brother | 1 |

Philippine Islands

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| Priests | 3 |
| Brother | 1 |

Hawaiian Islands

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| Priests | 3 |
| Brother | 1 |

Some Totals—

The total personnel of *Maryknoll, The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America*, is now:

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Priests | 175 |
| Brothers | 68 |
| Students | 252 |

Total 495

The *Maryknoll Sisters (Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic)* have 470 members, of whom 74 are in South China, Manchuria, and Korea, 100 in the Hawaiian and the Philippine Islands, and 60 are engaged in work for Japanese in the United States.

The Maryknoll Sheaf—

In spite of the great decrease in mission gifts owing to the depression in the United States, and of the unsettled conditions in several of the Society's Asiatic mission

fields, Maryknollers overseas were able during the past year to offer to the Master of the harvest of souls a sheaf of 6,165 *Baptisms*.

Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world. (Matthew, 28, 19-20.)

Jottings From The New York Procure

OUR New York representative has welcomed recently in his office on the fifth floor of 16 East 48th Street visitors from many sections of this great country, some even from his own native State of Sunny California.

But early in December he left the 48th Street office to accompany his Superior General to Detroit, where Bishop Walsh had been asked to speak at the interesting and inspiring Detroit Conference of the *Catholic Students' Mission Crusade*.

Bishop Walsh's companion was graciously invited to speak in the Detroit Cathedral, and to make known Maryknoll and THE FIELD AFAR.

Since THE FIELD AFAR has no professional agents, the opportunity to speak in churches is always eagerly welcomed by Maryknollers, and no form of cooperation is more helpful to our mission work. An apostolic pastor of the New York Archdiocese wrote recently:

Happy indeed am I to have you come and interest my people in Maryknoll's cause. I am enough of a Catholic to see beyond narrow parish lines, and I shall be happy when the parish can see eye to eye with me.

From another well-known priest of the same Archdiocese came the following encouragement:

You know my interest in Maryknoll, so do come and stress the work of Maryknoll on the third Sunday of next month. The more generous a congregation is to the Foreign Missions, just that much more will they be participating in Christ's desire that His Kingdom come. God bless your magnificent work!



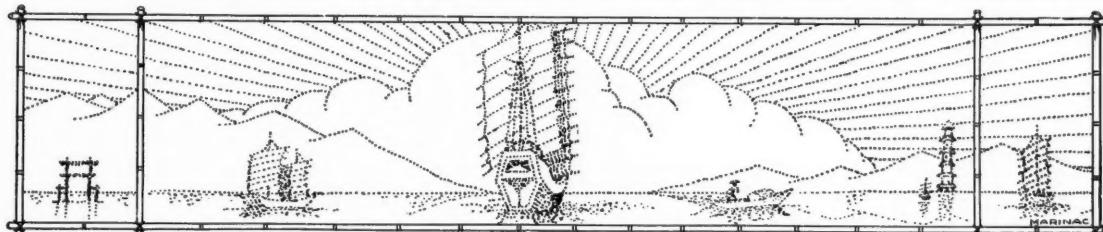
A GLIMPSE OF THE CHAPEL AT MARYKNOLL'S OLDEST PREPARATORY COLLEGE, THE VENARD, CLARKS SUMMIT, PA.

The symbol of the Holy Spirit over the entrance is to be found in all Maryknoll houses, where the flame of devotion to the Holy Ghost has been enkindled by the love of the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity which characterizes the Society's Superior General and Founder

A LENTEN SUGGESTION
DURING this Lent, match mis-
sioners' daily sacrifices with a
a daily mite-box sacrifice.

LET YOUR FAITH BE ANNOUNCED

Sancian, Maryknoll's Sacred Inheritance



SEA-GIRT Sancian, the inhospitable little Island off the coast of South China whence, in 1552, the great soul of St. Francis Xavier returned to its Maker, always holds a special place in Maryknoll hearts. "Maryknoll is receiving one of the most precious sanctuaries in mission lands", said the late Cardinal Van Rossum when, in 1924, the Island of Sancian was placed by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda under American care.

A backward glance over the story of Sancian will show why Maryknoll's heritage, though a very precious, was not an easy one.

The Apostle of the Orient—

Our readers will recall that St. Francis Xavier went to Sancian Island in 1552, hoping to use it as a vestibule for the mainland of China. The "Middle Kingdom" was at that time closed to all foreigners, and Sancian served as neutral ground for the transactions of Portuguese and Chinese merchants.

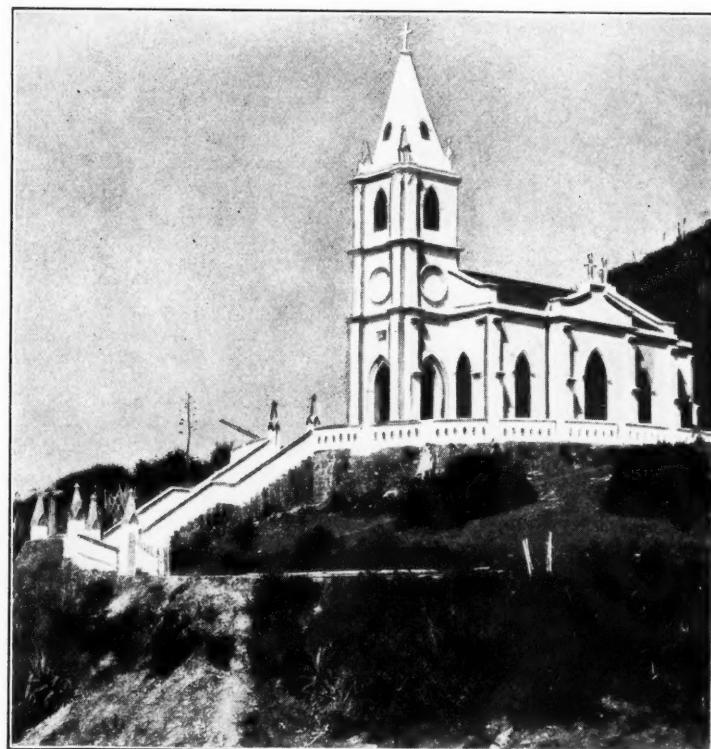
In spite of the terrible tales of the fate worse than death which had overtaken Portuguese traders who had attempted to enter China, Xavier bargained with a Chinese ship owner for passage to Canton. The Chinese accepted the bargain money, but failed to reappear. After weary weeks of waiting the Saint fell ill of a fever.

In the early hours of December 2, 1552, attended only by a Chi-

nese boy and lying in a rude shack, St. Francis Xavier breathed his last. At the close of his agony he raised his crucifix toward the China mainland which he had longed to evangelize (toward Hoingan and Chikkai, in the Vicariate Apostolic of Kongmoon, where Maryknollers are now at work), and, with the cry of, *In*

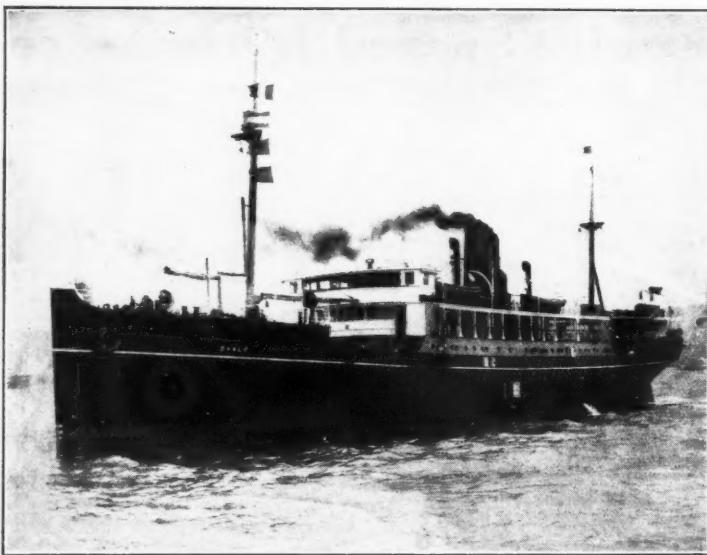
Te, Domine, speravi, non confundar in aeternum, entered upon eternal rest.

The body of the Apostle of the Orient, first interred where Sancian's Memorial Chapel now stands, was exhumed the following February and showed not the least signs of corruption. It was carried to Malacca on a Portuguese ship, and later transported



THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL AT SANCIAN, BUILT OVER THE SPOT WHERE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER WAS FIRST BURIED, HAD BEEN BADLY BATTERED BY TYPHOONS. IT WAS RENOVATED IN 1932, WITH FUNDS DONATED BY THE LATE BISHOP DUNN AND FR. CUSHMAN OF NEW YORK CITY

IN THE ENTIRE WORLD (ROM. 1, 18).



THE MOTORSHIP *S'VALE* (SHOWN ABOVE) WAS CHARTERED BY FR. CAIRNS, SANCIAN'S ENERGETIC PASTOR, FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO THE ISLAND, ON LAST DECEMBER TENTH. THE PILGRIMS FROM HONG KONG AND MACAO WERE SO NUMEROUS, HOWEVER, THAT A LARGER SHIP HAD TO BE ENGAGED. MORE OF THIS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

to Goa, where it now rests.

Pilgrimages and Persecutions—

A few years later, the Portuguese succeeded in gaining a foothold at Macao, and Sancian was abandoned except for its native population.

Pilgrimages to the scene of Xavier's death were begun before a century had passed, but the progress of Christianity on the Island was retarded by terrible local persecutions.

French missionaries, burning with love for God, for Xavier and for souls, expended their best energies on Sancian, but the material was poor. The island dwellers appear to be interested only in temporal things, and it requires a slow, laborious, and lengthy novitiate before Christianity can take root in their darkened hearts.

Maryknoll Beginnings—

On their arrival in Sancian, the Maryknoll missionaries found that few indeed among the Island's twelve hundred baptized Christians practiced their Faith, and

that many had even returned to the pagan superstitions. In spite of the most zealous efforts, only a small number of these apostates have been brought back to the Church.

But Maryknoll continues to remain optimistic as to Sancian's future, for, if God and His great apostle Xavier be with us, who shall be against us?

Two little schools have been established on the Island, and are progressing in the face of all opposition.

In 1928 a pilgrimage to Sancian was made by Bishop Dunn and Father Cushman of New York, both of whom have since gone to God. Moved by the dilapidated condition of the Memorial Shrine these two mission lovers undertook to finance the repairs. The restoration has now been completed under the direction of Sancian's present pastor, Fr. Robert J. Cairns, formerly of Worcester, Mass., before that of Scotland, and known to his host of friends by the title of "Fr. Sandy".

Fr. Cairns is also organizing

pilgrimages to Sancian from Hong Kong and Macao, for which he charters motorships from the Douglas Steamship Co., Hong Kong. One of these pilgrimages to Xavier's Shrine at Sancian took place on last December tenth.

Please pray for Sancian, that in God's own time the Isle blessed by the death of Xavier may blossom like the rose.

"Father Bernadette" and his "Lily of Mary"

FATHER Thomas Frederick Price, the Co-Founder of Maryknoll, was distinguished throughout his entire life by an intense devotion to the Immaculate Conception. The first seeds of this love of Mary Immaculate had doubtless been planted by his mother, and were strengthened in early life by an escape from drowning, which he attributed to the intercession of the Star of the Sea. On another occasion he also obtained relief from deafness at the close of a novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception. Inseparable from this love of Our Immaculate Mother, and born of it, was his great devotion to Bernadette Soubirous, whom he called his "little Saint", and the "Lily of Mary".

Father Price first visited Lourdes in the summer of 1911, after he and Bishop (then Father) James Anthony Walsh, Maryknoll's other Co-Founder, had journeyed to Rome to secure approval for the organization of the American Catholic Foreign Mission Society. Father Price stayed with the brother of Bernadette, visited at Nevers the convent where she had lived and died, was favored with the gift of some treasured souvenirs, and established a warm friendship with her relatives that endured until death.

That he had some supernatural experience at Lourdes seems quite certain, though he would never say more about it than: "Something happened to me at Lourdes,

I can never be the same again."

His appeals for the new work for foreign missions at Maryknoll went hand in hand with the spread of devotion to Mary Immaculate and to Bernadette. The beatification of Bernadette gave him special joy, and he celebrated the event by having a number of medals designed and struck in her honor.

Father Price also established the *Bureau of the Immaculate Conception*, to promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin under this title; and he had planned to start a magazine for this purpose when his approaching departure for China made it inadvisable. He prepared in English a Life of Bernadette of Lourdes, and produced several editions, over the name of J. H. Gregory. A smaller life of Bernadette, *The Lily of Mary*, also came from his pen.

When Father Price led Maryknoll's first mission band to the Orient, in 1918, he was already fifty-eight, and during his less than a year in China he was never able to manage the simplest conversation in the language of his adopted people. But the Chinese were attracted to him, and commonly referred to him as, "the holy priest".

"His devotion to the Blessed Virgin and to his 'little saint' (Bernadette) seemed, if that were possible, to increase," wrote one of his young fellow-missionaries, "and we never knew how many hours he spent at prayer for us, for the Society, and for the salvation of souls."

Father Price died at St. Paul's Hospital, Hong Kong, where he had gone to be operated on for appendicitis. He went to God on September 12, 1919, the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, and almost his last words were: "I shall celebrate today's Feast with our Immaculate Mother. Oh! how happy to die today!"

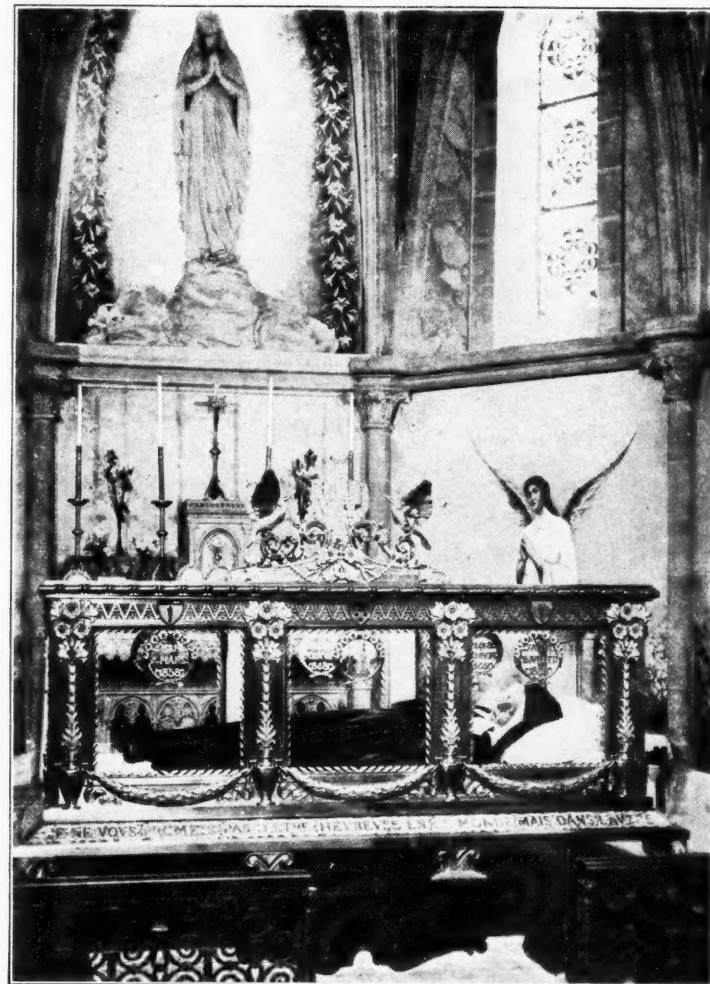
As Father Price lay dying at

Hong Kong, he made the request that his heart should be sent to Nevers in France, the convent home of Bernadette Soubirous. War conditions prevented the immediate fulfillment of his wishes. The heart, however, was detached, and buried temporarily with Father Price's body at the Happy Valley Cemetery in Hong Kong.

A few years later it was disinterred, and brought to France by a French missioner. The Sisters at Nevers were ready and anxious

to receive and guard this relic of a priest who had been one of their constant benefactors, and with whom they had collaborated in the publication of their Sainted Companion's Life.

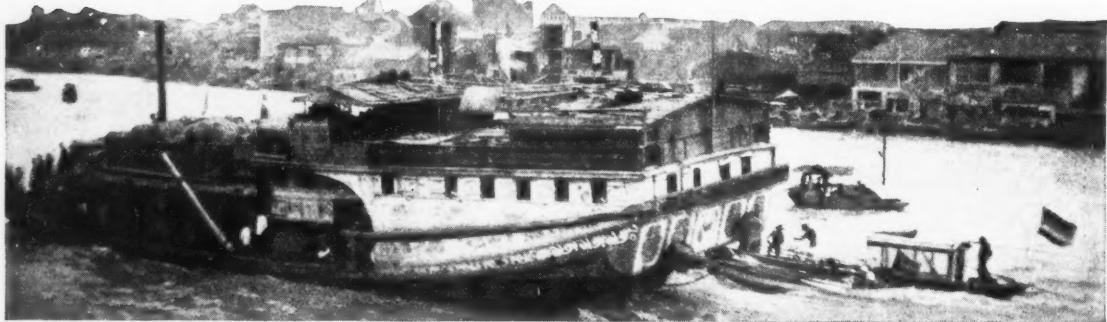
So the heart of "Father Bernadette", the Co-Founder of Maryknoll, has its place near the precious remains of Lourdes' "Lily of Mary", of that Lily now placed by Rome on the altars of the Universal Church.



THE CHAPEL OF SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS, AT NEVERS, FRANCE
The heart of "Father Bernadette", the Co-Founder of Maryknoll, has its place near the precious remains of Lourdes' "Lily of Mary"

What They Call The Folly of Christ

By the Most Rev. James Edward Walsh, M.M., of Cumberland, Md., Vicar Apostolic of the Maryknoll Kong-moon Mission, South China



A gentle monsoon breeze had played around all night, the mosquitoes seemed not quite so voracious as usual, and the steward had dug up a pleasant addition to breakfast in the shape of a luscious fruit the natives called papaya



HE Governor was worried. It was not his first trip to the East, and he was accustomed to the decimations of the scurvy and the strange fevers that marked most passages. But this was an epidemic. Eighty men were dead already. Possibly he had mismanaged a bit. Eight hundred men were too many to carry in this ship. The crowding was unmerciful.

Still, there was no traveling without all these sailors; and what was the use of going to Goa at all without the soldiers to reinforce the garrison? They might as well die on shipboard as to get their throats cut after they landed. Who could have counted on being becalmed for forty days? And nothing but contrary winds when they did blow. Thank God they had made Mozambique anyhow, not much of a place, but at least they were getting fresh food instead of that eternal cured meat.

"And thank God for those three padres," he finally ruminated. "What we would do without them I don't know. All the men would be dead by this time." A sudden idea came to him. He tapped a bell for the orderly.

"Have Father Xavier step in here a minute. You will find him with the sick probably."

The orderly saluted and went out.

"They say that Father Xavier is the sickest one of the lot," reflected the Governor. "If anything happens to him we shall be in the soup. I'll have to try to make him spare himself a bit."

A few minutes later, the Governor turned from his maps and papers to greet the young priest, who entered smiling and calm. The Governor looked at him closely. The smile could not hide the flushed brow and glittering eyes of high fever. "Sit down, Padre," invited the Governor, and then turned to him with real solicitude.

"I am worried about you. They say you are the sickest man of the whole outfit. I can see for myself that you are burning up with fever right this minute. Now look here, we don't want to lose you, you are doing wonderful work for the men. You are keeping up the morale. We couldn't get along without you. But, for Heaven's sake, go slow. Go to bed, man. Stop running around looking after all these soldiers and sailors, and give yourself a chance: the other Fathers can take care of them while you take a good rest."

Father Xavier laughed. "Glad you think I am doing some work, Excel-

lency," he replied. "But actually the other Fathers are doing it all now. We have made a division of labor. The other Fathers are doing all the nursing, while I only take care of the spiritual work—trying to get the men to go to confession and all that."

"That may be," said the Governor, "but you are on your feet all the time, and you ought to be in bed."

Father Xavier grew serious. "Some of these poor fellows are pretty hard cases," he replied. "What am I going to do? Let them die in their sins? God is merciful, and I am His minister thrown here by His Providence to give these poor fellows their last chance. I have a sailor on my hands now, who has been raving for three days. He can't get well, and I've got to watch him for a lucid moment. He needs it, too, poor chap. I was hobnobbing with him on the voyage, and he has been a tough customer, though good at heart. It's a rough life these men lead, and I shudder to think of any of them dying without confession."

The Governor fidgeted around, drummed on his desk, looked sternly at the priest. "Now look here, Father Francis", he finally said, "you are always preaching obedience to the rest of us. Why don't you give us a little example? I am going to have the doctor in here to look you over right now. Will you do what he says? Please try to

A LESSON that goes in with a smile and sustains a story-book interest is Bishop Walsh's *Observations in the Orient*.

LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND SEE THE COUNTRIES, FOR

be sensible. I am really very seriously worried about you."

Father Xavier considered a minute. "Why, yes," he said at length, "I am disposed to try to follow the doctor's advice. I'll go to bed if he orders me to, at least for a time. Of course, I'll have to continue to keep a bit of an eye on the men. Better my body to die than their souls."

The doctor's examination was brief, and his verdict was that Father Xavier should have been in bed days ago. He prescribed immediate bleeding, in accordance with the medical practice in vogue at that time. The Governor was elated. The Father was ordered off to his cabin to be put to bed without ceremony. He consented after first going to take a look at his sailor. The poor man was still out of his senses. Then Father Francis was bundled into bed, the Governor looking on with satisfaction.

"Stay there now," he admonished on leaving. "I shall step around in the morning to see how you are getting on." The bleeding was administered, and the priest sank back exhausted. He fell into fitful slumber.

The next morning the Governor arrived at his desk in a pleased mood. The gentle monsoon breeze had played around all night, making possible the welcome diversity of a refreshing sleep. The mosquitoes had seemed not quite so voracious as usual. The steward had dug up a pleasant addition to breakfast in the shape of a luscious fruit the natives called papaya. As far as he knew, no further deaths had occurred. And the sick padre was in bed!

An idea suddenly energized him. "Might as well stroll around and see how he is, I suppose." He went to the cabin door, knocked gently, no answer. "Probably asleep," he surmised, pushing open the door. He looked at the bed. It was occupied, and by a sick man, but not by Fr. Francis Xavier. Stretched out in it lay the dying sailor; and kneeling on the bare floor in low conversation with him was the priest he had come to seek.

"So that's the way you go to bed," sputtered the Governor. But the priest

silenced him with a gesture.

"You can come in all right," he explained. "Kneel down here with me, and we'll say a few prayers. He's dying. It's all right, though. I've prepared him for a good death. It was hard work watching for a lucid moment. I could not see any other way to do but to put him in my bed, so I could keep an eye on him. Strangely enough, almost as soon as he got into it he became calm and made his peace with God in the most beautiful sentiments."

The Governor knelt down, and they recited several psalms and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. The Governor

arose. The dying man was breathing his last. Francis Xavier whispered ejaculations in his ear. The Governor went softly out.

Back in his office the Governor sat musing. "Strange; he said it was strange. Well, it isn't strange to me, Father Francis. If I ever get sick, the first place I shall make for is your bed. I shan't undertake again to keep *you* in it, though," he ended with a chuckle.

He turned to his cares of state. "After all," he added as he began to sort over his papers, "I wonder if his particular brand of folly isn't what they call the folly of Christ."



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PREACHING AT THE COURT OF A JAPANESE PRINCE

This painting, which is several centuries old, hangs in the "Bom Jesu" Church at Goa, India, where the Saint's body now rests

THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST (JOHN 4, 35).

Glimpses of Our "Marys of Maryknoll"



PIPHANY, the Gentiles' Christmas, was the day chosen at the Maryknoll Convent for the most recent profession and clothing ceremonies. For young women offering their lives to Christ as missionaries to those still in pagan darkness and the shadow of death what symbol could be more apt than Epiphany's bright Star guiding the Magi to the Cave of Bethlehem?

Those who made their first vows are:

Sr. Clemence Marie Doherty (Brighton, Mass.); Sr. Marilyn Earley (San Francisco, Calif.); Sr. Monica Marie Boyle (Philadelphia, Pa.); Sr. Rita Marie Regan (Fairhaven, Mass.); Sr. Margaret Teresa Curran (West Lynn, Mass.); Sr. M. Jacqueline Kolk (Alton, Ill.); Sr. Gertrude Marie Shaughnesssey (Worcester, Mass.); Sr. Marie Jean Theophane Steinbauer (Owatonna, Minn.); and Sr. Rose Ann Nakata (Japan).

The novices clothed with the habit of the Congregation are:

Agnes Botelho (Sr. Marie Mediatrix), Honolulu, Hawaii; Agnes Dillon (Sr. Maria Agnese), Seattle, Wash.; Mary McKenna (Sr. M. Alexius), New York, N. Y.; Mary Rose Hoffman (Sr. M. Paulita), Cincinnati, O.; Louise Wissler (Sr. M. Louis), Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.; Ethel Danforth (Sr. Maria del Rey), Pittsburgh, Pa.; Catherine Spatz (Sr. M. Sheila), Brooklyn, N. Y.; Berenice Callahan (Sr. M. St. Paul), Philadelphia, Pa.; Agnes Devlin (Sr. Gabriel Marie), S. Ozone Park, N. Y.; Johanna Murphy (Sr. M. Helena), Brooklyn, N. Y.; Helen Murphy (Sr. Pauline Marie), Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sue Arendas (Sr. M. Ivan), Wall, Pa.; Bernice Woods (Sr. Rose Bernadette), Brooklyn, N. Y.; Margaret Cunningham (Sr. Henrietta Marie), Framingham, Mass.; Hilda Remlinger (Sr. M. Cephas), Milan, O.; and Frances Van Orshoven (Sr. M. Clare de Sales), Chula Vista, Calif.

Children of Manila's Old Walled City

IN Manila the short tropical twilight is gratefully welcomed, for it promises a tempering of the heat which has raged since sunrise. But in the crowded courts of the Old Walled City there is little change. Not even this small comfort can squeeze its way through so much misery; rather, the night seems to accentuate the sorrow and pain it finds there.

Somewhere in the midst of the steaming heat and noisome squalor, not eminently but averagely wretched, a tiny



IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE DAYS AHEAD HOLD A PROMISE OF BETTER THINGS FOR THE PITIFUL CHILDREN OF MANILA'S "INTRAMUROS"

court boasts of sixteen rooms and a hundred and fifty inhabitants. In sixteen rooms a hundred and fifty tired people try to exist—and sleep. And it is subtropical summer.

Through the dark penetrates the soft sob of a widow who has come in from the province with her little son, hoping to save his life. He is two years old, and weighs thirteen pounds. Tonight he is too weak to be fretful and she sits and watches him, beginning to see and understand and live the pangs of

**IF YOU have not read any of
the Maryknoll books, why
not begin this Lent?**

her Pieta.

Not far away the wife of a carpenter, the mother of many children, is wondering, wide-eyed, how many of the little ones lying on their mats about her stir and sigh in their sleep because they lay down hungry.

So live the children of "Intramuros". Conditions have gifted some with unhappy wisdom and abysmal ignorance, others with diseased and crippled bodies, many with lethargy born of poverty, neglect and dirt. But there are others yet, bright-eyed, clear-headed, able-bodied, playing their all important, ridiculous games, laughing, shouting and growing. These recommend themselves to our pity no less; their very sunniness cries out for protection. Until a few years ago these hidden little folk were seldom spoken of; few tourists had courage or inclination to penetrate to their homes; even well meaning charity was appalled at the extent and depth of their needs, material and spiritual.

Now a Maryknoll Sister-Nurse in white makes a daily round of their haunts. The sick among them are cared for, the hungry fed, unbaptized little brothers and sisters and unmarried mothers and fathers are brought to the Sacraments of which they have need. St. Paul's Hospital receives those who need hospitalization. "New" Manila has come to their courts, and concluded somewhat sadly that, "Certainly one half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives."

Thus the little ones of the Old Walled City have come out of their retirement, even to the point of going to a party at the Governor General's palace. They have watched his movies, eaten his ice cream, overrun his lawn, and been dumbly, dearly grateful. They have found a real place in his interests; and they have even made their appealing way, via a white bound and gold-lettered book, to the feet of their own Holy Father at Rome. It would seem the days ahead hold a promise of better things for them.



MARYKNOLL



JUNIORS



A GIFT OF FAITH AND HOW IT CAME

By Sister Mary Concpeta Benicker, of Philadelphia, Penna., Maryknoll Sister in Gishu, Korea



H ZUN'S old grandfather was a helpless cripple, so her grandmother was forced to go out and beg, leaving the care of their little hut to Ah Zun. A trip to the village well each day was a joy to the youngster, because there she met other children whose merry chatter helped her to forget her dull cares.

This village had a mission church and a very zealous catechist. The catechist's children sought to be like their learned father and repeated all they knew of doctrine and Bible stories to anyone who would listen. Ah Zun proved a ready subject. She too wanted to visit the church like the other children, but her grandmother had forbidden her, fearing that the gods would send them more bad luck.

One day her baby sister became quite ill. As grandma was out making her usual rounds begging, she had no one to help her. Grandpa was unusually cross that day, but after a great deal of begging he granted his consent for her to take the baby to the dispensary near the church.

Ah Zun went off directly with the sick child strapped to her back. The Sisters received her kindly and after examining the baby said she was indeed very ill. Fearing that it might die soon, Ah Zun begged Sister to baptize the baby because, as she explained, she wanted her little sister to go to

God. Sister was surprised to hear this from a little pagan. The priest was called and he baptized the child "Maria" after God's Mother.

in heaven. When the grandparents learned of the baby's baptism they were displeased, and they feared the anger of the gods.

Several months later Ah Zun was stricken with a fever and pleaded for some one from the mission to come and baptize her so she could go to God. As the child grew worse grandma became alarmed, and decided to go to the mission for some medicine. When Sister learned that the woman was Ah Zun's grandmother, she offered to return with her to see the sick child. Grandma was going to protest against Sister's going, but remembering how Ah Zun pleaded to see the Sisters, she thought it best to give in to the child just this once.

The Sisters found Ah Zun in a serious condition, but she recognized them and smiled her gratitude. The Sisters though accustomed to visiting the poor admitted they had never seen a family more pitiable than this one. Poor old grandpa sat huddled up in one corner of the room, while little Ah Zun lay on an old worn-out quilt in another.

The Sisters visited Ah Zun daily until she was quite well again. She then went to the convent to continue her instructions for baptism. She prayed God to grant the gift of Faith to her grandparents too, and her earnest prayer was granted. All three were baptized on Holy Saturday, and their hearts were full of gratitude to God and to those who led them to Him.



AH ZUN AND THE CATECHIST'S CHILDREN WHOM SHE MET EACH DAY AT THE VILLAGE WELL

The baby lived but a short time after Ah Zun returned home. The old couple were sorry to see the little one die, but Ah Zun was very happy, as she knew that her little sister was now safe with God up

MAKE THE NOVENA OF GRACE,

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JUNIORS

DEAR JUNIORS:

Every Junior prays daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom on earth. There is a special time set aside during March, particularly appropriate for such prayer—the Novena of Grace, March fourth to twelfth, in honor of Saint Francis Xavier.

There is one little spot in the mission world which would profit greatly during that period, by extra little prayers and sacrifices and which must be especially dear to the heart of Saint Francis Xavier—Sancian Island. There, the great Apostle of the Indies and Japan ended his grand missionary career on December 3, 1552.

Maryknoll, for some years now, has had the privilege of working in this part of fields afar. Conversions are few there; missionary work is discouraging there. Maryknoll-on-Sancian looks to zealous little Missioners at-Home for help! What will you do?

Yours for Sancian Island,

Father Chin

"My soul is sorrow-

ful even unto death."



Give Me what I ask!

SOULS!

LOVE!

For you as for Me, the price
of these is

SACRIFICE!



THE CHI RHO
(key-roo)

X and P, the Greek letters Chi and Rho, are the first two letters of the word XPISTOS (pronounced *Christos*) meaning Christ. The circle represents the world. The whole symbolizes our motto: "Christ in the World."

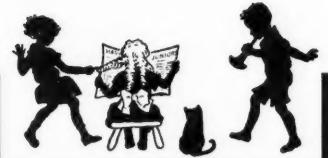
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MARCH FOURTH TO TWELFTH.

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JUNIORS



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(December)

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Complete the letters in the above puzzle by adding a line or two to each. Send your solution, name, address and age, to Father Chin and try for a prize.

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The pupils of St. Patrick's School, *South Lawrence, Mass.*, ransomed a baby and named her, *Mary Gertrude*.

St. Cecilia's School, *Hastings, Nebraska*, and St. Lawrence's School, *Laurel Springs, N. J.*, sent Father Chin their mite box savings.

A boost for the missions came

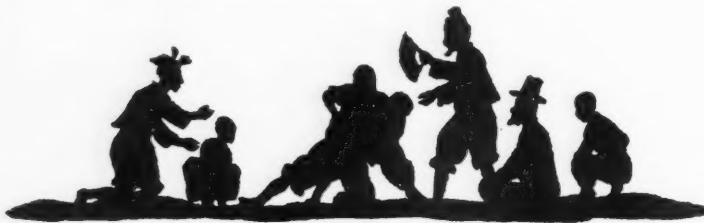
from a collection taken up at a Scout Meeting at Holy Angel's School, *Chicago, Ill.*

The boys at St. Catherine's School, *Milwaukee, Wis.*, ransomed a baby *George*, and the girls a baby *Mary*.

ASK Father Chin for this month's MISSION INTENTION CALENDAR. The intentions suggested for March are all for Sancian Island, where Saint Francis Xavier died. Help convert Sancian!

1. **Sancian Christians.**
2. **Sancian Pagans.**
3. **Establishment of Catholic Schools on Sancian.**
4. **Missioners on Sancian.**
5. **Children of Sancian.**

BE A MISSIONER AT HOME.



STUDENT'S PAGE

Dormitory Work in the Philippines

By Sister Mary Brigid Keily, O.P.,
St. Mary's Hall, Manila



ORMITORIES are institutions where students coming from the Provinces to study in the University may find a home. They are institutions because in most cases they are directed by members of organizations as, Catholic Fathers, Sisters, the Y.M.C.A., and the various Protestant sects, with the object of attracting students to join or practice the religion of their organization.

Dormitories conducted exclusively for students are necessities in the Philippine Islands. To board in the private homes of relatives in the city is not practical, as a home there usually consists of one room and quiet for study is impossible.

For the five thousand students attending the University of the Philippines, nearly all of whom are baptized

Catholics, there are only five Catholic Dormitories, one for boys and four for girls. St. Rita's Hall for boys, is conducted by the Maryknoll Fathers, and St. Mary's Hall for girls, by the Maryknoll Sisters.

Statistics show that of forty new students coming from the Provinces, there are seldom more than five who have ever studied the simple catechism. A greater number have made their first Holy Communion, but with little knowledge of what they were doing and as a result have only received that one Communion. From their parents they have acquired some idea of God and a few prayers but little more. Scarcity of priests and parochial schools may be offered as the reason that students reach college age without knowing the seven sacraments or their duties as Catholics.

When Students select St. Rita's or St. Mary's Hall for their city home, religion does not govern their choice. They may be attracted by the refinement or homelike atmosphere; or as is generally the case, by the fact that

English is well spoken there, a real advantage for the students. The religious influence of the dormitory soon teaches them to know and love God and their faith.

These dormitories do another and far reaching work. After our girls have a foundation in religion, they are encouraged to teach their younger brothers and sisters the Catechism during summer vacation, and to induce their parents to receive the sacraments. One girl reported the return of her mother to the practice of her religion after a lapse of thirty years. Another had a class of fifty children for catechism during the summer months. Catholic Action with its interest in the sick and poor is also something new, and may do much in the future to spread abroad the charity and knowledge of Christ.

Pray for our work, that it may have lasting results and bring new life to the faith in the Philippines.

Our friends in the United States often ask how they can help us in our work. I would suggest their sending Catholic literature, as, pamphlets and good novels. Holy pictures and medals are also welcome.

The Asian Lion

By Poog

Continued from the Last Full Moon.

Synopsis:

Was Choo Choo, the honorable mandarin guilty? (Who cares?) His five cooks had seemingly disappeared with the kitchen smoke into airy nothing. Sheershock Poems, the inevitable, seconded by his bosom chump, Doctor Swatzon, is on the trail end of the clew—

Twenty-four hours later—Sheershock and a dead lion and Doctor Swatzon kowtowing before the honorable magistrate.

"Honorable sir, me you truly amaze! You say this honorable lion led five cooks of honorable mandarin Choo Choo astray? Can you prove?"

"Aye, aye, sir magistrate," promptly responded Sheershock. "I have worked in Scotch Rye Yard for nothin' all my life. You wish to know where the five honorable cooks are. Ask the Asian Lion!"

"Ah, ah—proceed honorably, honorable Seersock."

To be continued.



A DANCE AT ST. RITA'S HALL, MANILA

SOULS! LOVE! SACRIFICE!



With Maryknoll Sponsors

JUST before Christmas the Circle Director received the following letter from a group in Massachusetts:

"We are not a 'Circle', but merely a parish group who have undertaken to adopt that large term 'Catholic Action' in the way of a reading club or literary society. But, in planning our Christmas party for ourselves, we thought us that 'tis more blessed (and more fun) to give than to receive'. We discovered an item in THE FIELD AFAR to the effect that seminarians like to open Christmas boxes. This we pondered upon, with the result that a box was dispatched to you yesterday."

We are always encouraged and edified by the spirit of generosity shown in letters such as this one, and in the gifts which we receive. Our seminarians were made happy by the box of gifts sent by this group, and we feel sure that the Divine Infant filled the hearts of the givers with peace and joy.

A number of our Circles have adopted our *Sponsor* plan and are providing for the support of one of our priests in the Orient, thereby keeping Christ in China or Korea. Recently we received Sponsor donations from the *American Missionary Maids*, of Rochester, N. Y., and from *Our Blessed Lady's Circle*, of Milwaukee, Wis.

If your Circle is unable to meet the cost of the annual support of a missioner (\$365.00), we suggest sponsoring a missioner for as many days as possible at the cost of one dollar a day.

We acknowledge with sincere thanks the following gifts:

Mass Stipends: from the *Maryknoll Circle*, of Hamilton, Ohio; *Mission Relief*, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; *Our Lady of Lourdes Circle*, of St. Paul, Minn.; *St. Patrick's Circle*, of Westfield, Mass.;

and *Our Lady Queen of Purgatory Circle*, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Stringless Gifts: from *St. Paul's Cir-*



THIS LITTLE ORPHAN OF THE MARYKNOLL MISSION AT LOTING, SOUTH CHINA, IS NOT TOO SURE OF THE CAMERA MAN'S INTENTIONS. SO SHE (YES, IN SPITE OF THE TROUSERS, SHE IS A GIRL) GRASPS TIGHTLY HER MOST TREASURED POSSESSION. LATER ON SHE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO HUNG ON THE CROSS CAME TO HER THROUGH THE CHARITY OF MARYKNOLL SPONSORS IN THE DISTANT "STARRY FLAG" COUNTRY

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Last summer we sent three priests to Japan to prepare for mission labors in that country. Members of the *Mission Relief*, of Brooklyn, N. Y., read of this, and produced a play recently, donating the proceeds, a goodly amount, for the support of the work. This group of mission lovers sends us Mass intentions regularly, and in addition supports a native seminarian.

Without native priests the conversion of pagan lands will never be complete, as Christian countries are unable to supply a sufficient number of missionaries for evangelizing the people. To develop a native priesthood requires, among other things, time, patience, and funds. The burden is a heavy one, but it has been made lighter by gifts from Circles and friends interested in helping us to train "other Christs".

Our Lady Queen of Purgatory Circle, of Los Angeles, Calif., is one Circle that has been contributing to this work for over seven years.

The *Mary Ann Circle*, of Lafayette, Ind., is another group who are aiding us. Besides helping to support a Kongmoon seminarian, these zealous mission workers also labor for other mission societies. We received a large box from them for Christmas, which was one of twenty-two made up by them. Of such it has been said, *God will not be outdone in generosity*.

A suggestion for those Circles who are spending some of their Lenten evenings making altar linens—

Altar cloths, albs, and surplices, are needed at Bishop Walsh's Mission in Kongmoon, South China. Net surplices; and albs made of organdie, or half lawn and half lace, would be very acceptable for this Mission during South China's long, hot summers.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, give me the zeal to do here in the homeland some work for the winning of souls in fields afar!

A THANKSGIVING

PLEASE publish in THE FIELD AFAR my thanks to St. Anthony of Padua for a number of favors received through his intercession.—*Los Angeles, Calif.*

WE ARE THE CO-WORKERS OF GOD (JOHN 10, 16).

THE FIELD AFAR

MARCH, 1934

The Month's Catch



MARYKNOLL DOES NOT "GO AFTER" MISSION SUPPORT QUITE SO DIRECTLY AS THIS LITTLE MAID OF CHINALAND AFTER THE COVETED MEDAL OR HOLY CARD; BUT HER SONS ARE NOT ASHAMED, FOR THE SAKE OF SOULS WHOM THE SAVIOR DIED TO REDEEM, TO CONSTITUTE THEMSELVES BEGGARS FOR CHRIST.

WE are happy to state that, notwithstanding present difficulties in making ends meet (perhaps because of them), there is a more general appreciation of the position in which Maryknoll is placed. The appreciation resulted in a marked increase of *Sponsors* for the sustenance of Maryknoll missionaries and aspirants.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire"; but the missioner who goes among strangers is not hired. He pushes himself gently into their company. Later, when these strangers become followers of Christ, they will do what they can to support the Church.

Among these *Sponsor Friends* of the past month were benefactors from Pleasantville, N. Y., Brooklyn, N. Y., Newton, Mass., Cumberland, Md., and Lowell, Mass.

Gifts to which "No Strings" were attached, and which were consequently at once applied to some of Maryknoll's most pressing needs, came from Quincy, Mass., New York City, and Providence, R. I.

A generous donation for the new *Maryknoll-in-Bedford* was made by

mission lovers in Boston.

A friend in Cambridge, Mass., desiring to obtain interest for time and eternity on a sum of money, invested in a *Maryknoll Annuity*. The investment will bear reasonable interest during the lifetime of the donor, and will continue to serve the mission cause after this benefactor has gone to God.

A Mission Unit in Rochester, N. Y., provided for a year's support of a *Native Catechist*; and the same aid for the education of a *Native Seminarian* came from an apostolic partner in Hoboken, N. J.

Maryknolls across the Pacific were generously remembered by mission lovers in Bayonne, N. J., and Brighton, Mass.

Since our last issue went to press we have been notified of a remembrance of Maryknoll in two *Wills*, and legacies in favor of our mission work have been received from four others.

ET LUX PERPETUA LUCEAT EIS

WE ask prayers for the repose of the souls of the following deceased friends of the mission cause:

Rev. Henry B. Tierney; Rev. John Ellis; Rev. M. V. McDonough; Rev. P. J. Lyons; Rev. Michael A. Butler; Rev. Geo. M. Griffin; Sr. M. Theodora Quinn; Sr. M. Carmel Valentine; Sr. M. Immaculate Irwin; Dellia Kelly; Jas. Macauley; Michael Wood; Minnie

ABOUT WILLS

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To the revered Bishop of Ogdensburg, the Most Reverend J. H. Conroy, we owe this kindly tribute to THE FIELD AFAR:

The magazine is presented in a very attractive manner, but what interests me most, naturally, is the object for which it is circulated. The great work which is being, and has been, accomplished by your Society commands the attention and co-operation of the faithful, who in this land are enjoying the benefits of our holy religion and should wish to witness its spread in the "fields afar."

The enclosed money order for two dollars represents that amount in pennies, which I had saved for a subscription to a non-Catholic magazine. However, when your letter arrived, I decided to forego that particular magazine, and to send the two dollars to help out with my little mite the new project of Maryknoll in Bedford.—Scituate, Mass.

*The Story of Maryknoll's First Ordained,
By His Fellow Missioner
And Mission Superior,
Bishop James Edward Walsh*



FATHER McSHANE OF MARYKNOLL This was undoubtedly one of the best Catholic books of the year. In simple but beautiful English the author unfolds the simple but beautiful story of Father McShane, Maryknoll's first ordained, an elect vessel of God whose life should be known to all. The many interesting facts about China are supplemented with numerous illustrations.

—*Little Flower Messenger, New Jersey*

FATHER McSHANE OF MARYKNOLL This should find a place on the bookshelf of every Catholic home. It does not "preach": we state this for the benefit of those who do not like "preachy books". But it does interest, because it is the story of a human being who did something and failed to talk about it. It is not only the history of Father McShane, but also an appreciation of character, an outline of missionary philosophy, a record of the truly remarkable "Maryknoll spirit" in action.

—*Catholic Sentinel, Oregon*

FATHER McSHANE OF MARYKNOLL The reviewer read this book through at one sitting, and we unqualifiedly recommend readers to do the same. The story of a young American priest's oblation of himself in South China is not only a setting forth of the beauty of holiness, but also an adventurous tale that will appeal to all. If our Catholic youth would read such books when looking for courage and adventure, the Church would march on more rapidly to conquest of nations for Christ.

—*The Lamp, New York*

FATHER Meshane OF MARYKNOLL This life story of an American missionary is of sustained interest throughout, from the time in the seminary, when he first heard of missions, to the hour when, in the prime of his life, he laid it down for Christ, dying of smallpox contracted from a Chinese orphan. His was a life of never-ending sacrifice. He was a pioneer, who sowed where others would reap. All is told inimitably by the Bishop, whose quaint, almost racy, style it is a joy to read.

—*Pax, Wales (British Isles)*

FATHER McSHANE OF MARYKNOLL Bishop Walsh of Kongmoon, China, one of Maryknoll's first six priests and friend and companion of Father McShane, has written a lively account of the early life, seminary days at old St. Mary's, years at Maryknoll in its infancy, work on the Pacific Coast, and eight years' labor in South China, of his school-fellow. . . . Daniel McShane's career was that of a deeply sincere, normally pious, whole-heartedly devoted, servant of God. . . . The book has the advantage of having bulk with worth and of being suitable for all classes of readers.

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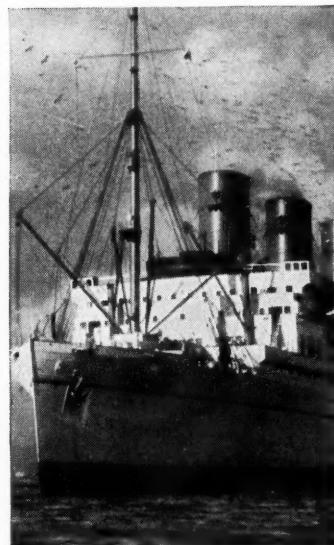
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